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SUBJECT: FAA SECTION 32 - POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: STATE 68545

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS IS A DE FACTO MILITARY REGIME THAT TOOK POWER AS A RESULT OF A COUP IN DECEMBER, 1972. AT THAT TIME GENERAL OSWALDO LOPEZ ARELLANO PROCLAIMED HIMSELF CHIEF OF STATE, CLOSED CONGRESS AND INITIATED RULE BY DECREE. HE STATED THAT THE MILITARY REGIME WOULD CONTINUE ITS RULE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS WITHOUT RECOURSE TO ELECTIONS.

2. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT THE JUDICIARY AS AN INDEPENDENT BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT WAS NOT ABOLISHED NOR WAS THERE RESORT TO POLITICAL IMPRISONMENT OR ENFORCED EXILE. WHILE NOT DEMOCRATIC, THE REGIME IS NOT REPRESSIVE AND THERE IS NO PATTERN OF ARBITRARY DETENTION FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

3. INsofar AS THE EMBASSY IS AWARE THERE ARE NO POLITICAL PRISONERS IN HONDURAS AT THE PRESENT TIME. THEREFORE, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT SECTION 32 OF THE FAA WOULD NOT AFFECT US ECONOMIC OR MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO HONDURAS.

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